



OFFICIAL CHAPTER MINUTES

First Chapter Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting
 Thursday, May 21, 2020

SUMMARY

Moderator: John Wright
Early Bird Sponsor: None
Secretary: Terri Nelson
Banner Sponsor: The Sales Group
Sponsored Training: Ronin Prasad, Director of Marketing with Aviat Networks
Program: Kevin Nida, Sr. Public Safety Advisor with FirstNet
Attendance: 89

CALL TO ORDER

Chapter Vice-President **David Duenas** called the meeting of the Southern California Chapter of APCO International to order at 1002 hours.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** welcomed everyone to our first Zoom Virtual Meeting.

Chapter Moderator **John Wright** provided instructions and housekeeping rules.

FLAG SALUTE

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REMARKS

Chapter President **Howard Newton** asked for a motion to approve the Chapter Meeting Minutes from February 20th meeting in Riverside. **Don Root** made the motion to approve the minutes as is. **Dennis Marin** made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** advised we are going to continue virtual meetings until further notice and asked for everyone's patience during this learning period.

Howard advised the membership that the Telecommunicators Banquet is canceled until further notice.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** encouraged all to invite someone to join our virtual meetings. The Chapter has a Zoom account with a capacity for 600 participants.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** introduced a proposal to make Anna Holmes a Chapter Lifetime Member. **Gary Gray** provided her credentials and years of dedication to the Chapter.

Gary Gray made the motion to award **Anna Holmes** with a CPRA Lifetime Membership. **Don Root** made the second. There was no discussion heard and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



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Chapter President **Howard Newton** will write a congratulatory letter to **Anna**. **Mike Rowles** suggested that **Anna** be publicly recognized during a virtual meeting. The Membership concurred.

INTRODUCTIONS

CCAM **Larry Weber** assisted with introduction of all Commercial Members participating in the virtual meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** gave the Financial Report for April. A printed copy of the Report is available to Members upon request.

APCO INTERNATIONAL REPORT

EC Delegate **Ernest Gallo** reported the Chapter Members using T-band spectrum should know that The Hero's Act legislation reversing the spectrum auction was passed by the House last week and sent to the Senate.

The APCO Conference Team is actively planning the Orlando Conference. The Board is planning a Business Meeting agenda including two nominations for the Jack Daniel Award of Distinction, two minor Bylaws revisions and the presentation of the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the npstw.org Website to see how centers celebrated NTW during Covid-19. Visit cpra.org Website to see this year's CPRA NTW Award Winners.

FUTURE MEETINGS REPORT

President-Elect **David Duenas** provided an update of future meetings. He advised all that June and July meeting venues have canceled. He is working on the August at Newport Beach. Unknown at this time if that meeting will take place.

Chapter President **Howard Newton** thanked all for being flexible during this time.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chapter Vice-President **Tim Buchfeller** provided Membership update as of 5/20/20.

Total Current Chapter Membership: 453

Full Members:	238
Commercial	41
Online:	157
Associate	17

Chapter President **Howard Newton** advised all that as we work on increasing Membership, we need to seek for interested candidates that may want to be part of the Executive team.

FCC UPDATE

Frequency Advisory Committee Co-Chair **David Buchanan** reported on the following issues.



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1. Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band

The FCC released the report and order on this docket. This allows unlicensed use under control of a centralized Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC) provider. This coordination is intended to prevent harmful interference to point to point microwave systems that operate in the band. Many public safety agencies rely on this band and the microwave systems to connect mission critical radio systems. There is further notice of proposed rules to allow greater indoor low power use without AFC protection. Agencies are advised to check their licenses in the ULS system and verify accuracy.

2. TV White Space (TVWS) Docket - NPSTC prepared and filed comments and reply in this docket. This docket will allow higher power and height and broadband operations in the lower TV bands including LMR T-Band channels. The protection is by exclusion distance from TV stations and the T-Band operating areas.

3. 800 MHz Interstitial channels – The FCC released the final order allowing licensing of interstitial channels in the 800 MHz band. Note that Southern California is still under a freeze and may not be able to license these channels at this time. The interference criteria is very complicated so agencies wishing to license should research if any channels would qualify in their area of operations.

TELECOMMUNICATORS BANQUET AND TECHNICAL AWARDS

Operations Chair **Terri Nelson** advised the Membership that Knott's Berry Farm will not be open in June. At this point, it is uncertain when the venue will open back for full operation. The Chapter is considering options to recognize the NTW and Technical Award recipients. Once the venue opens, we need to consider restrictions that may be posed to us. As information comes available, we will keep everyone informed.

VENDOR SPONSORED TRAINING

Ronin Prasad, Director of Marketing with Aviat Networks conducted training on how agencies can safeguard their networks. The FAS Software prevents outages, protects data, and the networks can be managed from anywhere at any time.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Kevin Nida, Senior Public Safety Advisor with FirstNet, conducted a presentation on Network Buildup. Its Mission is to be the catalyst to secure the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband.

First Reading of C&B Amendments

Chapter Treasurer **John Wright** shared changes to the Chapter Constitution & Bylaws document Article V. He pointed out the text that will be deleted with the replacing text. This is the first reading as Policy states, which was approved at the Executive Meeting today. The Membership has thirty (30) days for review. At the next month virtual meeting we will ask the Membership to approve the changes.

ADJOURN

Chapter President **Howard Newton** adjourned this meeting at 1220 hours. Thanked everyone for attending.



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FREQUENCY COORDINATION

Participants will continue on this virtual Zoom meeting.

Minutes prepared by,

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